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*TO THE PUBLICK.

THROUGH the generous and benevolent Aſſiſtance of many Gentlemen in this Colony, the PROVIDENCE GAZETTE and COUNTRY JOURNAL, is able to make it's Appearance to the World, agreeable to my Propoſals; which demands my moſt grateful Acknowledgments.——

AFTER what has been already ſo often advanced in Favour of the Printing-Buſineſs, and the Utility and Advantages of Performances of this Nature, in a mercantile Colony; it would ſeem impertinent in me to attempt making any Illuſtration to what is ſo univerſally known and acknowledged;—eſpecially to a People, who by their Conduct, have made themſelves eminent for Publick-ſpiritedneſs, and a laudable Zeal and Ambition to promote every Branch of Buſineſs, that might be any Ways conducive to the Intereſt of their Country: But as it has ever been a Practice, amongſt Authors of every Denomination, from the moſt celebrated Writers, even to the Compilers of a common News-Paper, to uſher in their Productions to the World, with ſome Preface or Introduction, either with a Recommendation of their Excellencies, or to ſoften Cenſure by apologizing for their Defects, it ſeems abſolutely neceſſary that I ſhould, in ſome Meaſure, follow this Example, to excuſe the Inaccuracies of this Beginning:—But principally, to acquaint the Publick with the Plan I purpoſe to purſue in the Execution of my Deſign; and as I apprehend the Merit of the Performance will be it's beſt Recommendation, I ſhall leave the Cenſure or Applauſe it may deſerve to the Judgment of the Reader; who, I hope, will think with Candor, and determine with Humanity.

As every conſiderate Mind is ſolicitous to know the State of the World about him, and the Circumſtances of the ſeveral Nations joint Inhabitants of the Univerſe with him, ſo it muſt be an additional Satisfaction, to be acquainted from Time to Time, with the Events and important Tranſactions in the different Quarters of the Globe; and as we are engaged in a juſt and ſucceſsful War againſt two faithleſs Nations, and all *Europe* appears to be in one general Ferment, every Thing that relates to the Honour and Intereſt of our Country, and the Humiliation of our Enemies, muſt be peculiarly intereſting, and as ſuch, they ſhall be carefully inſerted in this Paper. It would be ridiculous to promiſe more in a News-Paper than it is proper or poſſible it ſhould contain; but thus far I can engage, without an Imputation of Vanity, that no Pains ſhall be wanting to render it as entertaining and as generally uſeful as poſſible; for which Purpoſe, I have eſtabliſhed an extenſive Correſpondence, and ſhall receive the freſheſt and moſt important Intelligence from foreign Parts, and all the intereſting Domeſtic Occurrences, that ſhall happen in the different Parts of our extenſive Settlements on this Continent; and to prevent a Dearth of News, will be inſerted, from Time to Time, ſuch curious and valuable Extracts, from the beſt Writers, both ancient and modern, as may tend to the Information and Satisfaction of the Reader. At the ſame Time, I ſhould be particularly obliged to Gentlemen of Learning and Ingenuity, in this and the neighbouring Governments, for any judicious and publick-ſpirited Eſſays they may think proper to favour me with; and ſhall pay all the Regard to their Compoſitions, conſiſtent with my Determination of avoiding any Controverſy that may create Diſturbances in the Government.

*As the Proſecution of my Deſign will be attended with great Expence, and the Price of this Gazette is very ſmall, (being only *Seven Shillings* Lawful Money *per Annum*, or Equivalent in Old Tenor,) the Continuance of publiſhing will depend upon the further Encouragement it meets with; and ſuch Perſons as incline to become Subſcribers, are requeſted to be ſpeedy in their Application, that a Judgment may be formed what Number it will be neceſſary to print; as it is probable every Subſcriber will chooſe to begin with the firſt Number, in order to preſerve the Collection complete.

By the Advice of ſeveral Gentlemen, I have concluded to alter the Time of Publication, from *Wedneſday* Morning to *Saturday* Afternoon, (to commence on the 30th Inſtant,) that the Gentlemen in *Newport*, and other Towns in the Southern Part of this Government, or in *Connecticut*, who ſhall pleaſe to favour this Undertaking, may receive their Papers by the Poſt: And as it will contain all the Weſtern Advices, which will be publiſhed immediately after their Arrival, and moſt commonly every Thing material from the Eaſtward, it is preſumed every Well-wiſher to this Colony will prefer it, with any ſmall Deficiencies, to a foreign One.

IF any other Scheme can be propoſed, to make this Paper more beneficial, I ſhould be extremely obliged to any Gentlemen for ſuch Hints, and I will ſpare no Trouble or Expence (in my Power), in making the beſt Uſe of their Informations.——Subſcriptions are taken in by *Darius Seſſions*, *Henry Paget*, *Samuel Chace*, and *Benoni Pearce*, Eſqrs. Mr. *Oliphant*, Bookſeller; Mr. *Ebenezer Thompſon*, Mr. *Knight Dexter*, Mr. *Benjamin Weſt*, Mr. *Joſeph Lawrence*, and by the Publick's

Obliged humble Servant,

WILLIAM GODDARD.

N. B. Where there are a Number of Subſcribers belonging to the ſame Town, their Papers ſhall all be incloſed, ſealed up together, and ſuperſcribed for the Town where they are to be ſent, and the Perſon's Name in ſaid Town, where they are to be left; and ſaid Papers ſhall be lodged for Conveyance, with ſuch Perſon or Perſons in the Town of *Providence*, as the major Part of the Subſcribers ſhall agree.——All Orders ſent from Gentlemen in the Country, will be carefully obſerved and punctually executed.

The Planting and Growth of PROVIDENCE.

THE unhappy Diſputes that raged in *England*, both in Church and State, in the Reigns of King JAMES the Firſt, and King CHARLES the Firſt, although they were the immediate Cauſe of infinite Miſchiefs in that Kingdom, in the Times they happened, yet were they alſo the remote Cauſe of very great Advantages to the *Engliſh* Nation afterwards: Among which Advantages, the Peopling of *New-England*, occaſioned by thoſe Diſputes, may be eſteemed one of the moſt conſiderable.

THE firſt Planting of *New-England* was begun by Mr. *John Carver*, and about 100 other *Engliſh* Subjects; who, being perſecuted in *England* for not conforming in every Punctilio to the *Eſtabliſhed Church*, for the Sake of worſhipping GOD according to their Conſciences, left their native Country, with all it's Conveniences and Delights, and arrived at *Cape Cod* in the Month of *November*, in the Year 1620; where they landed in the Depth of Winter, having no Houſes or Shelter to cover them from the Injuries of the Weather, endured incredible Hardſhips, and paſſed through unparalleled Sufferings; and, ſupported only by a noble Fortitude of Mind, and the Conſciouſneſs of well Doing, they glorioufly effected the Settlement of *New Plymouth*, the firſt of the *New England* Colonies.

NEAR ten Years afterwards, in the Year 1630, Mr. *John Winthrop*, with many other Gentlemen, and about 1500 People, left their native Country for the ſame Cauſe; and came over firſt to *Salem*, and from thence to *Charleſtown*, from whence they diſperſed themſelves to *Dorcheſter*, *Watertown*, and *Boſton*; and effectually begun the Settlement of the *Maſſachuſetts Bay*, the Second of the *New England* Colonies.

WITH this ſecond Colony came over Mr. *Roger Williams*; of whoſe Life before his coming to *America* we know little more, than that he had a liberal Education; and was ſome Time Pupil of Sir *Edward Coke*, the famous *Engliſh* Lawyer. Soon after his coming to *Salem*, he was made Aſſiſtant in the Miniſtry to Mr. *Samuel Skelton*, the firſt Miniſter of that Town. Before he had been long in this Station, ſome Difference in Opinion aroſe between Mr. *Skelton* and him, and to prevent it's Increaſe, Mr. *Williams* removed to *Plymouth*, and became Miniſter of the Church there, but